

Welcome - BCD Churches

16th Sunday after Trinity

19th September 2021

BCD WORSHIP

It was good to see so many of you at our three churches United Service on Sunday 5th September. This marked the start of a phased return to being physically together for worship in our churches in Botley, Curdridge and Durley.

We were grateful for the positive feedback from the way this was managed with respect to minimising the risks brought about by being alongside each other in church. Continuing to ensure the wellbeing of all, particularly older people and those with underlying medical problems who are more likely to develop serious illness is paramount to continue to manage worship together in church.

By now, we are all probably aware that the wearing of facemasks minimises the risk we, as individuals spread the virus. Though I cannot mandate that we all wear masks, my expectation is that we will. While we speak in terms of health and safety, it is more to your sense of kindness that I appeal to - so that all who wish to, may worship together with a reduced sense of trepidation and anxiety. We are of course sensitive to the needs of those who for a variety of reasons cannot wear a facemask.

Uppermost in my mind are the heightened risks connected with the Autumn and Winter months ahead of us. May our actions reveal the kindness that each of us can expect from one another both in church and out.

Yours
Gregg

Sunday readings:

James 3. 13-4.3, 7-8a

Mark 9. 30-37

BCD Church Finances and plate offerings

Many thanks if you are helping to support the church by making your usual offering by bank transfer, it is much appreciated. Kindly add in the "reference" box "**Weekly offering**".

Church	Account Name	Sort Code	Account number
All Saints' Botley	All Saints' PCC Botley	08.92.99	65623477
St Peter's Curdridge	PCC of Curdridge	30.90.85	00633120
Holy Cross Durley	PCC Durley	30.90.85	00047280

Food Bank

Your donations continue to be gratefully received.

This week the Food Banks particularly ask for toothpaste, cartons of UHT milk, shampoo and Fray Bentos tinned pies. Please ensure all food donations are within the use by or best before dates. Donations can be left in the boxes outside the churches. Many thanks for your continued support.

Window Cross

The window cross at All Saints', Botley is being sponsored by Elizabeth Townsend in September in celebration of and giving thanks for grandchildren.



Church Railings – Botley – New Ideas?

Do you have any ideas for enhancing the look of the railings in the future, please contact Julia Hayes on 07788113069 or Karen in the Parish Office on 01489 782445.

Botley Porch

When you are passing through Botley, please take a look in the church foyer where this week you will see an excellent display of paintings by Derek Oswald.

If you have anything you would like to show, please do contact Julia Hayes 07788113069 or juliambeulah@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember all NHS staff in your prayers, doctors, nurses, carers, support staff and all key workers. Also, all staff and people in care homes, especially our local ones.

Our headteachers, Kirstie, Sally, Tamsin and Joe and all school staff.

RIP

Graham Chapman.

The sick

Christopher Browne, Godfrey White, Wendy Lewis, Lena Mensingh, Jeanette Collett, Tony Higham, Elizabeth Denholm, The Tolliday family, Graham Barker, Catherine McClurg, Lorraine Symons, Stan & Joan Hoare, Luke Orchard, Donald Taylor, Bernard Brombley & Harry.

Housebound

Jean Wakeford, Beryl Cook, Ron Chilcott, Geoff Gamblin, Mary Walsh, John Cooper, Jill Hutchings & Nora Martin.

Baptisms

Please pray for Fabian and Hudson who are being baptised at Botley this week. Heavenly Father, be with Fabian and Hudson on their Christian journey, So they may come to know our Lord Jesus Christ, As Saviour and friend. Amen

Durley Duck Race

19th September from midday

Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun! For details of the event please follow the link: [https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/durleyfundraising/and Holy Cross Durley \(bcd-churches.org.uk\)](https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/durleyfundraising/and Holy Cross Durley (bcd-churches.org.uk))

**All Saints' Church, Botley – Coffee Morning
Tuesday 21st September 10.30am – midday
In the foyer – all welcome.**

Coffee and cake £1.50

Bring and buy, raffle, choice of quality books and DVDs. Homemade cakes, greeting cards and gifts.

We look forward to seeing you there!

You are invited to join the penultimate 'Days of Prayer' Prayer Day, on the theme of Sustainability, Friday 24th September. Email Janet Clarke clarkelizabeth318@gmail.com or Karen in the Parish Office office@bcd-churches.org.uk for the Zoom link for 10.00am, 4.00pm or 8.00pm. This is a preamble to the Climate Sunday Service at Holy Cross Church, Durley 10.00am on 25th September followed by Evening Worship at 6.30pm at All Saints' Church, Botley.

Durley Harvest Supper

It has been decided to cancel Durley Harvest Supper on 1st October due to the rising number of Covid cases locally and the difficulty in making the event Covid safe.

All Saints' Virtual Pilgrimage



JUST TWO WEEKS LEFT for all would-be pilgrims to sign up for the 487 mile Virtual Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago from 3rd – 17th October. Entries by 1st October, please.

Send the distance(s), you have walked anytime or anywhere, near or far, by text or e-mail, to add to our collective total and help us to reach Santiago.

Not a walker? (not even to the church or the shop??) Then do follow our progress and support our communal efforts any (or every) day **from 4th -16th October, nightly, at 7pm on Zoom** for just 15 minutes. How far have we walked, collectively? What have we seen or experienced along the way? Where would we be on the real Camino? Reflect on being part of a virtual community with a common purpose, a pilgrimage, for whatever reason.

To take part as a walker or just a Zoomer, e-mail socialallsaintsbotley@gmail.com for the details. Find out more on our BCD website <https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/> or our Facebook page.

Parking – Botley

If Mortimer Road car park is full, you can still use the car park behind The Dolphin. You can park for 3 hours free without registering. If you are staying longer then you will need to either pop into The Dolphin or download the app.

All Saints' Michaelmas Market

Saturday 2nd October 10.30am - 1.30pm

Once again, we are celebrating Michaelmas with a market in front of All Saints' Church, so please save the date and come along!

We are planning to have a variety of stalls to view and buy from, including our popular plant table, delicious cakes and various produce to choose from. We would welcome donations of freshly baked cakes, scones, tarts, pastries, etc.

There will also be the chance to purchase locally made cards and other gifts. Lots of books too and the ever popular bric a brac table. A prize raffle to try your luck as well as the Bottle Tombola. Hot and cold drinks, biscuits, cakes and other snacks will also be available.

As always, donations of plants, produce, preserves, items for the raffle and bottles for the tombola will always be very welcome, along with any offers of assistance to staff the tables on the day.

Please let the team know as soon as possible of your donations or any help you are able to offer by telephone: Mary Leahy 01489 583503 or Michael Moore 01489 799023 or e-mail: moorerestore@hotmail.co.uk or through the Parish Office: 01489 782445

If you are able to donate a baked product, there is a sheet in the foyer of All Saints' Church to let the team know. You can take a cake box from the tray and bring your donation on the morning of the market – Saturday 2nd October. However, if you would prefer one of the team to collect your donation the afternoon before, please state on the sheet.

Poem for a Dead Poet

He was a poet he was.
A proper poet.
He said things
that made you think
and said them nicely.
He saw things
that you or I
could never see
and saw them clearly.
He had a way
with language.
Images flocked around
him like birds,
St Francis, he was,
of the words. Words?
Why he could almost make 'em talk.

Roger McGough

The King's School Open Morning Saturday 2nd October 2021

"We warmly invite you to The King's School Open Morning on Saturday 2nd October 2021 from 10.30am to 12.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to tour the school, meet with staff and pupils and ask questions. At 11.15am there will be a short presentation by Mrs Bowden, Headteacher, who will share the vision of the school and explain how we can support your child/children through their education in a Christian environment. We would love to see you there - no need to book!"